

In the specification:

Please amend paragraph 8 as follows:

[0008] An orthodontic wire retainer is applied to a dental arch following an orthodontic treatment. A first metal wire extends along the posterior surface of the dental arch, a second metal wire extends along the anterior surface, and a third wire fits between a bicuspid and premolar or between the premolar and a molar. The first, second and third wires are adjoined to provide an annular bridge supporting the dental arch. A wire clasp laid along the buccal surface of the premolar attaches to the ~~first~~ third metal wire to sustain strength of the wire retainer by attaching a wire rest on the premolar or molar to prevent sinking of the wire retainer.

Please amend paragraph 13 as follows:

[0014] Both terminal ends of the first wire **11**, second wire **12** and third wire **13**, are curved along the surfaces of the molar **40**, premolar **30** and bicuspid **20** on each side of the dental arch to prevent sinking of the wire, with respect to the dental arch. While the third wire is shown between canine **20** and premolar **30**, it may be positioned between the premolar **30** and molar **40**. To further prevent sinking of the wire retainer, a wire clasp **16** lays along the buccal surface of the premolar, as shown in Figure 3. As seen ~~in~~ in this figure, the wire clasp has a general W-shape when seen from the side. The wire clasp **16** is attached to the ~~first~~ third metal wire ~~**13**~~ ~~**11**~~ to sustain strength of the wire retainer, as seen in Figure 4. The wire clasp **16** holds both the buccal surface and lingual surface of the premolar and prevents sinking of the first metal wire.

Please amend paragraph 15 as follows:

[0015] In addition to the wire clasp 16, a wire rest 17 rests upon the premolar 30 40. The wire rest attaches to the first metal wire 11 and prevents elongation of the premolar and sinking of the wire retainer. The wire rest is L-shaped and has a first section extending between the premolar 30 and molar 40 and a second section resting on the top surface of the premolar 30. Of course, if the third wire 13 were positioned between the premolar 30 and molar 40, as mentioned previously, the wire rest would rest upon the molar 40.